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SUBJECT: MAZAMBIQUE PRESS REPORTS NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN
INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA

1. MOZAMBIQUE PRESS MAY 11 CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPORT
DATELINED WASHINGTON MAY 10 ANNOUNCING NEW US-UK
PLAN FOR A "PEACEFUL TRANSITION" TO INDEPENDENCE IN
ZIMBABWE. ACCORDING TO PLAN DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE,
ZIMBABWE WILL BE INDEPENDENT IN 1978, AND SMITH AND
HIS ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE DISMISSED. THE RESIGNA-
TION OF SMITH WOULD FURNISH THE PRETEXT FOR THE IMMEDIATE
END OF UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THE REGIME, AND
WOULD FACILITATE A CEASEFIRE BETWEEN THE NATIONALIST
GUERRILLAS AND THE COLONIALIST ARMY. CITING A "HIGH
OFFICIAL OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE SAID
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"THE SMITH REGIME WOULD SURRENDER ALL POWERS TO A PRO-
VISIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD ADMINISTER THE COUNTRY
DURING A SHORT FINAL PHASE" BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.

2. ARTICLE SAID PLAN IS TO BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED NEXT
WEEK, AND WAS AGREED TO LAST FRIDAY IN LONDON BY BRITISH
FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE.

3. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, THE NEW PLAN CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "JOINT PRESENCE" OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN LUSAKA OR IN DAR ES SALAAM, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH WHAT WAS CALLED "ALL INTERESTED FACTIONS." LEADERS OF THESE FACTIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO MEET WITH THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS, AND IN CASE FACTION LEADERS DID NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS, BRITISH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE AND TALK WITH THEM. AMERICAN AND BRITISH OFFICIALS WOULD ALSO MEET WITH VORSTER AND SMITH AS WELL AS LEADERS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES. AS SOON AS "VARIOUS FACTIONS" AGREED TO THE TERMS OF THE ANGO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, EXPERTS FROM THE U.S. AND UK WOULD PUT THE AGREEMENT IN LEGAL TERMS.

4. ARTICLE, QUOTING A "HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL," STATED THAT "THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY" FOR SMITH'S MEN TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF POLICE, COURTS, OR ARMED FORCES. THIS, THE OFFICIAL SAID "WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE BREAKDOWN IN THE GENEVA TALKS."

5. IN ADDITION ARTICLE TALKED ABOUT 2 BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT FUND TO DEVELOP AND CONSOLIDATE THE RHODESIAN ECONOMY SO THAT "IMPERIALIST INTERESTS" WILL NOT BE THREATENED BY THE CHANGE. THE FUND WILL ALSO BE USED TO CREATE A "NATIONAL BOURGEOISIE" WHICH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLONISTS "INVITED" TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY WOULD ASSURE THAT POWER WOULD NOT FALL IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HANDS OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES AND CLASSES. THE FUND WOULD ALSO SERVE TO COMPENSATE THE COLONIALISTS WHO ABANDON THE COUNTRY FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR PLANTATIONS AND INDUSTRIES WHERE THEY HAVE EXPLOITED THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

6. ARTICLE CALLED THE PLAN A READAPTATION OF THE KISSINGER SCHEME TO CHANGE THE PROCESS OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN THE INTERIOR OF ZOMBABWE. ARTICLE STATES NEW PLAN MERELY SEEKS TO SUBTLELY JUGGLE THE POINTS OPENLY REJECTED BY THE NATIONALISTS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

7. ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT THE PLAN IS BEING SURFACED ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. IN A WAY, ARTICLE STATED, THIS CAN BE CONSIDERED AN ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. AND UK TO PRESSURE THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.CARSON

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